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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 17 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Somalia (S/2001/963)

Angola (S/2001/956)

Other matters

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

0 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items: *item 64* (A/56/267 and Add.1); *item 65* (A/56/347); *item 66* (A/56/29) (Supplement 1); *item 69* (A/56/164 and Add.1); *item 71* (A/56/187); *item 74* (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/182, A/56/165, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130 and Add.1); *item 75* (A/56/285, A/56/37, A/56/154, A/56/266); *item 76* (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/27, A/56/42); *item 77* (A/56/425); *item 78* (A/56/163); *item 79* (A/56/153):

Ghana

Kuwait

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Moldova

Oman

Armenia

Turkey

Cameroon

Pakistan

Uganda

Eritrea

International Committee of the Red Cross

[Documents of the First Committee: A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3 and A/C.1/56/INF.1]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 4

Effects of atomic radiation [85] (A/56/46, A/C.4/56/L.5, UNSCEAR 2001 Report to the General Assembly (Hereditary Effects of Radiation))

General debate

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [110] (A/56/3*, A/56/222, A/56/402-E/2001/105, A/56/403, A/56/83, A/56/151*, A/56/155, A/56/380)

2. International drug control [111] (A/56/3*, A/56/222, A/56/83, A/56/157, A/56/468*)

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [112] (A/56/3*, A/56/38/Rev.1, A/56/174, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/268, A/56/279, A/56/306, A/56/316, A/56/328, A/56/329, A/56/472)

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [113] (A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/306, A/56/319 and Add.1)

Introduction, dialogue and general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 3

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [129] (A/56/464)

General discussion

3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123] (A/56/6 and Corr.1, introduction and fascicles 1-33 and income sections 1-3, A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Continuation of general discussion

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 121 and 128 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and Joint Inspection Unit: Private management consulting firms (A/54/702 and A/55/979))

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* Following the adjournment of the 12th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Resumed third session

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 2

Address by the President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/AC.257/25) [3]

   Consideration of draft outcome document: Towards a fully inclusive and equitable globalization; Mobilizing domestic financial resources

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* Following the adjournment of the 5th meeting of the Preparatory Committee.

2. Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/AC.257/25) [3]

   Consideration of draft outcome document: Mobilizing international resources for development (foreign direct investment and other private flows)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/AC.257/25) [3]

   Consideration of draft outcome document: Trade

2. Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/AC.257/25) [3]

   Consideration of draft outcome document: Increasing international financial cooperation for development through, inter alia, official development assistance

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations University

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE IN THE TEACHING, STUDY, DISSEMINATION AND WIDER APPRECIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Thirty-sixth session

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

[The membership of the Committee is as follows: Canada, Colombia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Iran (Islamic Republic), Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America and Uruguay.]

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held *today*, 17 October, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 17 October 2001

ARAB GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

8.45 a.m. - 9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP:

OPEN-ENDED AD HOC COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 109 (Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing) and agenda item 112 (Advancement of Women))

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON FIRST COMMITTEE MATTERS

Morning*- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

* Following the adjournment of the 11th meeting of the First Committee.

GROUP OF 77
(on the International Conference on Financing for Development)

1.30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ISLAMIC GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Second Committee - on the International Conference on Financing for Development) today*, 17 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) of the Second Committee *today*, 17 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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There will be meetings of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 17 October 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations University (UNU) are jointly organizing a workshop on "The Conference of the Parties (seventh session) and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations", as part of their annual Series on Sustainable Development in Practice. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held *today*, 17 October 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 or 9196).

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on a First Committee draft resolution on the follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons, organized by the delegation of Malaysia, *today*, 17 October 2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All co-sponsors and potential co-sponsors are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Lessons for Today from the Cuban Missile Crisis", organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, together with the Global Security Institute, the Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Security and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), *today*, 17 October 2001, from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Mr. Robert. S. McNamara, former United States Secretary of Defense, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Department (e-mail: ddaweb@un.org; tel.: (212) 963-3633).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 18 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 13th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

On Monday, 22 October 2001, at 10 a.m., Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), will address the Second Committee. Following this address, the Committee will hear an introductory statement by Mr. Michael Zamit Cutajar, Executive Secretary of the secretariat for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The Committee will then convert itself into informal consultations to consider draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.2, L.3 and L.4.

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Human Genome", organized by the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the InterAcademy Council, on Friday, 19 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The panel will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Francisco Seixas da Costa (Portugal), Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Michael Doyle, Special Advisor and Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Office of the Secretary-General, will serve as Moderator. Presentations will be made by Professor Bruce Alberts; President of the National Academy of Sciences, Professor Eric S. Lander, Massachusetts Institute of Science and Technology; Dr. Nirmal Kumar Ganguly, Director-General of the Indian Council of Medical Research; Professor Arturo Falaschi, President, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology; and Professor Ruichi Ida, Chairman of the International Bioethics Committee of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 108 (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing disabled person and the family)

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Recommendations on support for volunteering", organized by the delegations of Japan and the Netherlands, will be held on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The draft has been sent by fax to all delegations. All interested delegations are invited to participate.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Wednesday, 31 October, and Thursday, 1 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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The 2001 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced at a later date.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 29 October, until Tuesday, 6 November 2001.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The first (closed) meeting of the High-level Summit Organizing Committee (HLSOC), organized by ITU, will be held on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Second World Assembly on Ageing)* on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

There will be a meeting of the Grcup of 77 *(agenda items 98 (a) to (e) and (g) (Environment and Sustainable Development))* on Tuesday, 23 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea))* on Tuesday, 23 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a closed meeting of the MASON Group *(First Committee)* on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The Group will also meet on 25 October, 1 November and 8 November.

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There will be a meeting of the Commonwealth on Thursday, 18 October 2001, at 3.30 p.m. in Room S-226.

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There will be a meeting of the African Group of the Whole on Thursday, 18 October 2001, at 3 p.m. (conference room to be announced).

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Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, organized by the delegations of Belgium, Nicaragua and Norway, will be held on Thursday, 18 October 2001, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E. All interested delegations are invited to participate.

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 15 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT
Resumed third session 1st meeting

Opening of the session

The Co-Chairperson, H.E. Ms. Ruth Jacoby (Sweden), opened the session and made a statement.

Election of officers

The Preparatory Committee elected by acclamation H.E. Mr. Shamshad Ahmad (Pakistan) as Co-Chairman of the Preparatory Committee.

A statement was made by H.E. Mr. Shamshad Ahmad (Pakistan).

The Preparatory Committee also elected the following Vice-Chairmen by acclamation: H.E. Mr. Chuchai Kasemsarn (Thailand), H.E. Srjgan Kerim (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) and Mr. Marco Balazero (Peru).

A statement was made by H.E. Mr. Chuchai Kasemsarn (Thailand).

A statement was also made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

The Preparatory Committee resumed its consideration of the item and adopted the proposed organization of work contained in document A/AC.257/L.7*.

A statement was made by the representative of the Republic of Korea.

Participation of intergovernmental organizations

The Preparatory Committee approved the two intergovernmental organizations recommended by the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for accreditation to the substantive preparatory process and to the International Conference, as contained in paragraph 6 of document A/AC.257/29.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

The Preparatory Committee approved the list of non-governmental organizations recommended by the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for accreditation to the substantive preparatory process and to the International Conference, as contained in document A/AC.257/10/Add.4.

Participation of business entities/organizations

The Preparatory Committee approved the list of business entities/organizations recommended by the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for accreditation to the substantive preparatory process and to the International Conference, as contained in document A/AC.257/30.

Fourth report of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee (A/AC.257/29 and Add.1)

The Co-Chairman, H.E. Ms. Ruth Jacoby (Sweden) made a statement.

The Chairman of the Bureau Task Force on Conference format and rules of procedure, Ms. Jana Simonova (Czech Republic), made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Republic of Korea, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Mexico, the Syrian Arab Republic and Haiti.

Update on activities planned or undertaken in the respective areas pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/245B

The Executive Coordinator of the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat made an introductory statement.

A statement was also made by the Director of the Public Affairs Division, Department of Public Information.

A statement was also made by the Co-Chairman, H.E. Mr. Shamshad Ahmad (Pakistan).

Statements were also made by the representative of Saint Lucia, the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Nepal.

The Director of the Public Affairs Division, Department of Public Information, responded to questions raised.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Carter Center, a non-governmental organization.

2nd meeting

Address by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs addressed the Preparatory Committee.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

The Preparatory Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Update on activities planned or undertaken in the respective areas pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/245B

Statements were made by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: International Chamber of Commerce and Mexico NGO Forum Organizing Committee.

Review of the inputs to the substantive preparatory process and the International Conference on Financing for Development [2]

The Preparatory Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Executive Coordinator made an introductory statement.

Preparation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3]

The Preparatory Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Facilitator made an introductory statement.

A statement was made by the Co-Chairman, H.E. Shamshad Ahmad (Pakistan).

The representative of the Sudan made a statement on a point of order.

Statements were made by representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union as well as the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia) and by other associated countries (Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), as well as Iceland, EFTA country, member of the EEA)), Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), Nauru (on behalf of the Small Island Developing States who are member countries of the Pacific Island Forum represented at the United Nations), Japan, the Russian Federation, Norway, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland.

Statements were also made by representatives of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Tuesday, 16 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

27th plenary meeting

Report of the Security Council (A/56/2) [11]

Statements were made by the representatives of Tunisia, Venezuela, Ukraine, Myanmar, Spain, Bhutan, Slovenia, Indonesia, Namibia, Mali, Bangladesh, Pakistan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

28th plenary meeting

Report of the Security Council (A/56/2) [11]

Statements were made by the representatives of Slovakia, Mexico, Solomon Islands, Yugoslavia, Iraq, Nepal, Uganda, Kazakhstan, Guatemala, Bahrain and Ghana.

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council contained in document A/56/2.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that agenda item 36 (Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic) would be taken up on Wednesday, 21 November 2001, in the morning, as the second item, and that agenda item agenda item 17 (g) (Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit), originally scheduled for Thursday, 1 November 2001, would instead be taken up on Monday, 10 December 2001, in the morning.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 10th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard

statements made by the representatives of India, United Arab Emirates, Lithuania, Ethiopia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Israel, Iraq, the Lao's People's Democratic Republic and. Haiti

A statement was made in the exercise of the right of reply by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 7th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations [91]

The Committee adopted draft resolution I contained in document A/56/23 (Part III) by a recorded vote of 86 to none, with 3 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of the United Kingdom.

Subsequently, the representatives of Nepal, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, the Dominican Republic, Yemen, Uruguay, Djibouti, Australia, South Africa, Nauru, Namibia, the Congo, Cameroon and Burkina Faso informed the Committee that, had their delegations been present, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 91.

Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories [92]

The Committee adopted draft resolution II contained in document A/56/23 (Part III), by a recorded vote of 94 to 1, with 2 abstentions.

Subsequently, the representatives of Nepal, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Australia, South Africa, Nauru, the Congo and Cameroon informed the Committee that, had their delegations been present, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 92.

Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration (point 18)

The Committee adopted the draft decision contained in document A/56/23 (Part III), by a recorded vote of 55 to 40, with no abstention.

Subsequently, the representatives of Nepal, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, South Africa, Nauru, the Congo and Cameroon informed the Committee that, had their delegations been present, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union).

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [93]

The Committee adopted draft resolution III contained in document A/56/23 (Part III), by a recorded vote of 65 to none, with 40 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of European Union) and Antigua and Barbuda.

Subsequently, the representatives of Nepal, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Nauru, the Congo and Cameroon informed the Committee that, had their delegation been present, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

The representative of Australia informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of the draft decision but had pressed the wrong button in error.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 93.

Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories [94]

The Chairman announced that Jamaica had become a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.3 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 94.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

The Secretary of the Committee (Fourth Committee) made a statement.

Question of Western Sahara

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Committee adopted, as orally revised, draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.2 without a vote.

Statements in explanation of their position after the decision were made by the representatives of Senegal, Morocco and Algeria.

Question of Gibraltar

The Committee adopted draft decision A/C.4/56/L.4 without a vote.

Question of New Caledonia

The Committee adopted draft resolution IV contained in document A/56/23 (Part III), without a vote.

Question of Tokelau

The Committee adopted draft resolution V contained in document A/56/23 (Part III), without a vote.

Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, Turks and Caicos Island and United States Virgin Islands

The Committee adopted draft resolution V contained in document A/56/23 (Part III), without a vote.

Statements in explanation of their position were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and Spain.

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of the United Kingdom.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 11th meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [27]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.11

The representative of Chile introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Algeria, Canada, Egypt, Ethiopia, Guyana, Israel, Morocco, New Zealand, Slovenia, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago and Tunisia, the draft resolution. Subsequently, Angola, Azerbaijan, Burundi, Cambodia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Gambia, Guinea, Indonesia, Senegal and the Sudan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.2 contained in document A/C.3/56/L.7

The Chairman announced that due to a technical error Benin was inadvertently omitted as the main sponsor of the draft resolution.

The representative of Benin introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bangladesh, Belize, Bhutan, Botswana, Burundi, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Madagascar, Mauritania, Myanmar, Nepal, the Niger, the Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, South Africa, the Sudan, Swaziland, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Zambia and Zimbabwe, the amendments to the draft resolution as contained in A/C.3/56/L.7, and orally corrected it.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.8

The representative of Mongolia introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Morocco and the Philippines, the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.9

The representative of the Philippines introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, El Salvador, Indonesia, Italy, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Monaco, Morocco, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, the Republic of Korea and Uganda, and orally corrected the draft resolution. Subsequently, Burundi, Cameroon, the Congo, the Dominican Republic and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.10

The representative of Mongolia introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bangladesh, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, Israel, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Senegal, Suriname, the draft resolution. Subsequently Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Guinea, Guyana, Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.6

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the draft resolution.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [110]

International drug control [111]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Cuba, Ukraine, the Untied Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand), Kazakhstan (also on behalf of Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan), Poland, Malaysia, Kenya and Nigeria.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that the Committee would take action on the following draft resolutions on Thursday, 18 October, in the afternoon: under item 27: A/C.3/56/L.11; under item 108: A/C.3/56/L.2 in conjunction with A/C.3/56/L.7, L.8, L.9 and L.10; under item 109: A/C.3/56/L.6, L.13 and L.14.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 10th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Iceland), Croatia, Kenya, Japan, Cuba, Belarus and Iraq.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT
Resumed third session 3rd meeting

Address by the High Commissioner for Human Rights

The High Commissioner for Human Rights addressed the Preparatory Committee.

The Assistant Secretary-General, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, made a statement.

Preparation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3]

The Preparatory Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Samoa (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island Developing States), Australia, Canada, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Group of Land Locked Developing Countries), Zambia, Bangladesh (on behalf of the least developed countries), the Dominican Republic, Algeria, Belarus, Peru, Cuba, New Zealand, Nepal, Brazil, Burundi and the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

A statement was made by the Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

4th meeting

Preparation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3]

The Preparatory Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the representative of the following non-governmental organization: World Association of Cities and Local Authorities Coordination.

A statement was made by the Co-Chairman, H.E. Shamshad Ahmad (Pakistan).

A statement was also made by representative of the Sudan.

The Preparatory Committee concluded its general discussion of the item.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-eighth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2001

747th and 748th (closed) meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee considered concluding observations.

Day of general discussion [6]

The Committee discussed recommendations.

FRIDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2001

749th meeting

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee considered concluding observations.

Future meetings [9]

The Committee considered the item.

Adoption of the report

The Committee adopted its draft report as contained in document CRC/C/111.

The Chairperson then declared the twenty-eighth session of the Committee closed.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
United Nations Office at Geneva
Seventy-third session

TUESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 201

1958th and 1959th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [5]

The Committee continued and concluded its consideration of the fifth periodic report of Ukraine (CCPR/C/UKR/99/5).

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [7]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on psychotropic substances. Vienna, 21 February 1971

Accession: Central African Republic (15 October 2001)*

Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. New York, 8 August 1975

Accession: Central African Republic (15 October 2001)*

United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. Vienna, 20 December 1988

Accession: Central African Republic (15 October 2001)*

Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards. New York, 10 June 1958

Accession: Iran (Islamic Republic of) (15 October 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

TREATY EVENT - FOCUS ON TERRORISM
(UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS)
(10-16 November 2001)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (http://untreaty.un.org.), including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

In observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, there will be a panel discussion on the theme "The Role of Cooperatives in Poverty Reduction", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, *today*, 17 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. H.E. Mr. José Roberto Andino Salazar, Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations, will chair the meeting. Several experts will participate in the panel. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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DPI/NGO Briefing

This week, the topic DPI/NGO Briefing will be "Global Security in the 21st Century: Human, Environmental, Military." The briefing will be held on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI). Members of delegations, Secretariat Staff and the media are also invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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World Food Day 2001

There will be an observance of World Food Day 2001 on the theme "Fight Hunger to Reduce Poverty" on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 12 noon (following the adjournment of the meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development) to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Statements will be made by the Acting President of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Murari Raj Sharma, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Kofi Annan, the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Dr. Jacques Diouf, and Mr. George S. McGovern, former Ambassador of the United States to FAO, who will deliver the keynote address. All interested delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations funds and programmes, specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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New stamps and souvenir sheets

On Thursday, 18 October 2001, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of 6 commemorative stamps and three souvenir sheets on the theme "50th Anniversary of the United Nations Postal Administration". The stamps will be issued in denominations of 34 cents, 80 cents, Sw F 0.90, Sw F 1.30, S 7/euro 0.51 and S 8/euro 0.58. The denominations of the souvenir sheets will be $2.00, Sw F 3.10 and S 28/euro 2.04.

The new stamps, souvenir sheets and first-day covers can be obtained by members of delegations and staff members at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. In addition, first day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a counter outside of the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building during the same hours. Details about the new issue is available in information circular ST/IC/2001/75.

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Blood Donation Drive

In the context of recent events, the Medical Services Division has organized a Blood Donation Drive. This drive will be carried out by the New York Blood Center on Monday, 29 October 2001, on the south side of the Secretariat Lobby between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The UN grounds pass would be required at the donation site.

Please note that the criteria for blood donation used by the New York Blood Center are those of the Food and Drug Administration of the United States. If you have any questions about this campaign, please call 1-800-933-BLOOD.

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